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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 17 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Somalia (S/2001/963)

Angola (S/2001/956)

Other matters

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(10-16 November 2001)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

0 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items: *item 64* (A/56/267 and Add.1); *item 65* (A/56/347); *item 66* (A/56/29) (Supplement 1); *item 69* (A/56/164 and Add.1); *item 71* (A/56/187); *item 74* (A/56/172, A/56/136 and Add.1 and 2, A/56/309, A/56/182, A/56/165, A/56/183, A/56/166, A/56/400, A/56/296, A/56/404, A/56/257 and Add.1, A/56/130 and Add.1); *item 75* (A/56/285, A/56/37, A/56/154, A/56/266); *item 76* (A/56/418, A/56/359, A/56/27, A/56/42); *item 77* (A/56/425); *item 78* (A/56/163); *item 79* (A/56/153):

Ghana

Kuwait

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Moldova

Oman

Armenia

Turkey

Cameroon

Pakistan

Uganda

Eritrea

International Committee of the Red Cross

[Documents of the First Committee: A/C.1/56/1, A/C.1/56/2, A/C.1/56/3 and A/C.1/56/INF.1]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 4

Effects of atomic radiation [85] (A/56/46, A/C.4/56/L.5, UNSCEAR 2001 Report to the General Assembly (Hereditary Effects of Radiation))

General debate

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [110] (A/56/3*, A/56/222, A/56/402-E/2001/105, A/56/403, A/56/83, A/56/151*, A/56/155, A/56/380)

2. International drug control [111] (A/56/3*, A/56/222, A/56/83, A/56/157, A/56/468*)

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women [112] (A/56/3*, A/56/38/Rev.1, A/56/174, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/268, A/56/279, A/56/306, A/56/316, A/56/328, A/56/329, A/56/472)

2. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [113] (A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/306, A/56/319 and Add.1)

Introduction, dialogue and general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 3

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [129] (A/56/464)

General discussion

3 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 3

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123] (A/56/6 and Corr.1, introduction and fascicles 1-33 and income sections 1-3, A/56/7 and A/56/16)

Continuation of general discussion

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 121 and 128 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and Joint Inspection Unit: Private management consulting firms (A/54/702 and A/55/979))

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* Following the adjournment of the 12th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Resumed third session

10 a.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 2

Address by the President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Preparations of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/AC.257/25) [3]

   Consideration of draft outcome document: Towards a fully inclusive and equitable globalization; Mobilizing domestic financial resources

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* Following the adjournment of the 5th meeting of the Preparatory Committee.

2. Preparations of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/AC.257/25) [3]

   Consideration of draft outcome document: Mobilizing international resources for development (foreign direct investment and other private flows)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Preparations of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/AC.257/25) [3]

   Consideration of draft outcome document: Trade

2. Preparations of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/AC.257/25) [3]

   Consideration of draft outcome document: Increasing international financial cooperation for development through, inter alia, official development assistance

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations University

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE IN THE TEACHING, STUDY, DISSEMINATION AND WIDER APPRECIATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Thirty-sixth session

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

[The membership of the Committee is as follows: Canada, Colombia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Iran (Islamic Republic), Italy, Jamaica, Kenya, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Portugal, Russian Federation, Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America and Uruguay.]

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held *today*, 17 October, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 17 October 2001

ARAB GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

8.45 a.m. - 9.45 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP:

OPEN-ENDED AD HOC COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 109 (Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing) and agenda item 112 (Advancement of Women))

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

AFRICAN GROUP:

GROUP OF EXPERTS ON FIRST COMMITTEE MATTERS

Morning*- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

* Following the adjournment of the 11th meeting of the First Committee.

GROUP OF 77
(on the International Conference on Financing for Development)

1.30 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
6.30 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

ISLAMIC GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

3.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Second Committee - on the International Conference on Financing for Development) today*, 17 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) of the Second Committee *today*, 17 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room E.

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There will be meetings of the 2001 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 17 October 2001, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations University (UNU) are jointly organizing a workshop on "The Conference of the Parties (seventh session) and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations", as part of their annual Series on Sustainable Development in Practice. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held *today*, 17 October 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 or 9196).

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on a First Committee draft resolution on the follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons, organized by the delegation of Malaysia, *today*, 17 October 2001, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8. All co-sponsors and potential co-sponsors are invited to attend.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Lessons for Today from the Cuban Missile Crisis", organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, together with the Global Security Institute, the Lawyers Alliance for Nuclear Security and the NGO Committee on Disarmament (New York), *today*, 17 October 2001, from 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Mr. Robert. S. McNamara, former United States Secretary of Defense, will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Department (e-mail: ddaweb@un.org; tel.: (212) 963-3633).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 18 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 13th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

On Monday, 22 October 2001, at 10 a.m., Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), will address the Second Committee. Following this address, the Committee will hear an introductory statement by Mr. Michael Zamit Cutajar, Executive Secretary of the secretariat for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The Committee will then convert itself into informal consultations to consider draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.2, L.3 and L.4.

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Human Genome", organized by the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the InterAcademy Council, on Friday, 19 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The panel will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Francisco Seixas da Costa (Portugal), Chairman of the Second Committee. Mr. Michael Doyle, Special Advisor and Assistant Secretary-General, Executive Office of the Secretary-General, will serve as Moderator. Presentations will be made by Professor Bruce Alberts; President of the National Academy of Sciences, Professor Eric S. Lander, Massachusetts Institute of Science and Technology; Dr. Nirmal Kumar Ganguly, Director-General of the Indian Council of Medical Research; Professor Arturo Falaschi, President, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology; and Professor Ruichi Ida, Chairman of the International Bioethics Committee of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 108 (Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing disabled person and the family)

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Recommendations on support for volunteering", organized by the delegations of Japan and the Netherlands, will be held on Thursday, 18 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The draft has been sent by fax to all delegations. All interested delegations are invited to participate.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Wednesday, 24 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., on Thursday, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Wednesday, 31 October, and Thursday, 1 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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The 2001 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Wednesday, 7 November 2001, at 10 a.m., and on Thursday, 8 November, at 10 a.m. The conference room will be announced at a later date.

It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 29 October, until Tuesday, 6 November 2001.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The first (closed) meeting of the High-level Summit Organizing Committee (HLSOC), organized by ITU, will be held on Thursday, 18 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Announcement

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(Second World Assembly on Ageing)* on Thursday, 18 October 2001, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

There will be a meeting of the Grcup of 77 *(agenda items 98 (a) to (e) and (g) (Environment and Sustainable Development))* on Tuesday, 23 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea))* on Tuesday, 23 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be a closed meeting of the MASON Group *(First Committee)* on Thursday, 18 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. The Group will also meet on 25 October, 1 November and 8 November.

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There will be a meeting of the Commonwealth on Thursday, 18 October 2001, at 3.30 p.m. in Room S-226.

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There will be a meeting of the African Group of the Whole on Thursday, 18 October 2001, at 3 p.m. (conference room to be announced).

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Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction, organized by the delegations of Belgium, Nicaragua and Norway, will be held on Thursday, 18 October 2001, at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E. All interested delegations are invited to participate.

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As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/ireland.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 15 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT
Resumed third session 1st meeting

Opening of the session

The Co-Chairperson, H.E. Ms. Ruth Jacoby (Sweden), opened the session and made a statement.

Election of officers

The Preparatory Committee elected by acclamation H.E. Mr. Shamshad Ahmad (Pakistan) as Co-Chairman of the Preparatory Committee.

A statement was made by H.E. Mr. Shamshad Ahmad (Pakistan).

The Preparatory Committee also elected the following Vice-Chairmen by acclamation: H.E. Mr. Chuchai Kasemsarn (Thailand), H.E. Srjgan Kerim (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) and Mr. Marco Balazero (Peru).

A statement was made by H.E. Mr. Chuchai Kasemsarn (Thailand).

A statement was also made by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]

The Preparatory Committee resumed its consideration of the item and adopted the proposed organization of work contained in document A/AC.257/L.7*.

A statement was made by the representative of the Republic of Korea.

Participation of intergovernmental organizations

The Preparatory Committee approved the two intergovernmental organizations recommended by the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee for accreditation to the substantive preparatory process and to the International Conference, as contained in paragraph 6 of document A/AC.257/29.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

The Preparatory Committee approved the list of non-governmental organizations recommended by the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee for accreditation to the substantive preparatory process and to the International Conference, as contained in document A/AC.257/10/Add.4.

Participation of business entities/organizations

The Preparatory Committee approved the list of business entities/organizations recommended by the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee for accreditation to the substantive preparatory process and to the International Conference, as contained in document A/AC.257/30.

Fourth report of the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee (A/AC.257/29 and Add.1)

The Co-Chairman, H.E. Ms. Ruth Jacoby (Sweden) made a statement.

The Chairman of the Bureau Task Force on Conference format and rules of procedure, Ms. Jana Simonova (Czech Republic), made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Republic of Korea, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Mexico, the Syrian Arab Republic and Haiti.

Update on activities planned or undertaken in the respective areas pursuant to General Assembly resolution 55/245B

The Executive Coordinator of the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat made an introductory statement.

A statement was also made by the Director of the Public Affairs Division, Department of Public Information.

A statement was also made by the Co-Chairman, H.E. Mr. Shamshad Ahmad (Pakistan).

Statements were also made by the representative of Saint Lucia, the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Nepal.

The Director of the Public Affairs Division, Department of Public Information, responded to questions raised.

A statement was also made by the representative of the Carter Center, a non-governmental organization.

2nd meeting

Address by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs addressed the Preparatory Committee.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]

The Preparatory Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Update on activities planned or undertaken in the respective areas pursuant to General Assembly resolution 55/245B

Statements were made by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations: International Chamber of Commerce and Mexico NGO Forum Organizing Committee.

Review of the inputs to the substantive preparatory process and the International Conference on Financing for Development [2]

The Preparatory Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Executive Coordinator made an introductory statement.

Preparation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [3]

The Preparatory Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Facilitator made an introductory statement.

A statement was made by the Co-Chairman, H.E. Shamshad Ahmad (Pakistan).

The representative of the Sudan made a statement on a point of order.

Statements were made by representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union as well as the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovenia) and by other associated countries (Cyprus, Malta and Turkey), as well as Iceland, EFTA country, member of the EEA)), Chile (on behalf of the Rio Group), Nauru (on behalf of the Small Island Developing States who are member countries of the Pacific Island Forum represented at the United Nations), Japan, the Russian Federation, Norway, the Republic of Korea and Switzerland.

Statements were also made by representatives of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

Tuesday, 16 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

27th plenary meeting

Report of the Security Council (A/56/2) [11]

Statements were made by the representatives of Tunisia, Venezuela, Ukraine, Myanmar, Spain, Bhutan, Slovenia, Indonesia, Namibia, Mali, Bangladesh, Pakistan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

28th plenary meeting

Report of the Security Council (A/56/2) [11]

Statements were made by the representatives of Slovakia, Mexico, Solomon Islands, Yugoslavia, Iraq, Nepal, Uganda, Kazakhstan, Guatemala, Bahrain and Ghana.

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Security Council contained in document A/56/2.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that agenda item 36 (Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic) would be taken up on Wednesday, 21 November 2001, in the morning, as the second item, and that agenda item agenda item 17 (g) (Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit), originally scheduled for Thursday, 1 November 2001, would instead be taken up on Monday, 10 December 2001, in the morning.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 10th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard

statements made by the representatives of India, United Arab Emirates, Lithuania, Ethiopia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Israel, Iraq, the Lao's People's Democratic Republic and. Haiti

A statement was made in the exercise of the right of reply by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 7th meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations [91]

The Committee adopted draft resolution I contained in document A/56/23 (Part III) by a recorded vote of 86 to none, with 3 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of the United Kingdom.

Subsequently, the representatives of Nepal, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, the Dominican Republic, Yemen, Uruguay, Djibouti, Australia, South Africa, Nauru, Namibia, the Congo, Cameroon and Burkina Faso informed the Committee that, had their delegations been present, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 91.

Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories [92]

The Committee adopted draft resolution II contained in document A/56/23 (Part III), by a recorded vote of 94 to 1, with 2 abstentions.

Subsequently, the representatives of Nepal, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Australia, South Africa, Nauru, the Congo and Cameroon informed the Committee that, had their delegations been present, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 92.

Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration (point 18)

The Committee adopted the draft decision contained in document A/56/23 (Part III), by a recorded vote of 55 to 40, with no abstention.

Subsequently, the representatives of Nepal, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, South Africa, Nauru, the Congo and Cameroon informed the Committee that, had their delegations been present, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union).

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations [93]

The Committee adopted draft resolution III contained in document A/56/23 (Part III), by a recorded vote of 65 to none, with 40 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of European Union) and Antigua and Barbuda.

Subsequently, the representatives of Nepal, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Nauru, the Congo and Cameroon informed the Committee that, had their delegation been present, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

The representative of Australia informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of the draft decision but had pressed the wrong button in error.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 93.

Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories [94]

The Chairman announced that Jamaica had become a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.3 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 94.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

The Secretary of the Committee (Fourth Committee) made a statement.

Question of Western Sahara

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Committee adopted, as orally revised, draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.2 without a vote.

Statements in explanation of their position after the decision were made by the representatives of Senegal, Morocco and Algeria.

Question of Gibraltar

The Committee adopted draft decision A/C.4/56/L.4 without a vote.

Question of New Caledonia

The Committee adopted draft resolution IV contained in document A/56/23 (Part III), without a vote.

Question of Tokelau

The Committee adopted draft resolution V contained in document A/56/23 (Part III), without a vote.

Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Saint Helena, Turks and Caicos Island and United States Virgin Islands

The Committee adopted draft resolution V contained in document A/56/23 (Part III), without a vote.

Statements in explanation of their position were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom and Spain.

A statement in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of the United Kingdom.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 11th meeting

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [27]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.11

The representative of Chile introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Algeria, Canada, Egypt, Ethiopia, Guyana, Israel, Morocco, New Zealand, Slovenia, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago and Tunisia, the draft resolution. Subsequently, Angola, Azerbaijan, Burundi, Cambodia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Gambia, Guinea, Indonesia, Senegal and the Sudan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.2 contained in document A/C.3/56/L.7

The Chairman announced that due to a technical error Benin was inadvertently omitted as the main sponsor of the draft resolution.

The representative of Benin introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bangladesh, Belize, Bhutan, Botswana, Burundi, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Madagascar, Mauritania, Myanmar, Nepal, the Niger, the Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, South Africa, the Sudan, Swaziland, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Zambia and Zimbabwe, the amendments to the draft resolution as contained in A/C.3/56/L.7, and orally corrected it.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.8

The representative of Mongolia introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Morocco and the Philippines, the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.9

The representative of the Philippines introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, China, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, El Salvador, Indonesia, Italy, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Monaco, Morocco, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, the Republic of Korea and Uganda, and orally corrected the draft resolution. Subsequently, Burundi, Cameroon, the Congo, the Dominican Republic and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.10

The representative of Mongolia introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bangladesh, El Salvador, the Dominican Republic, Israel, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Senegal, Suriname, the draft resolution. Subsequently Benin, Burundi, Cameroon, the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, the Gambia, Guinea, Guyana, Kenya, Mali, Nigeria, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [109]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.6

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the draft resolution.

Crime prevention and criminal justice [110]

International drug control [111]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Cuba, Ukraine, the Untied Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand), Kazakhstan (also on behalf of Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan), Poland, Malaysia, Kenya and Nigeria.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that the Committee would take action on the following draft resolutions on Thursday, 18 October, in the afternoon: under item 27: A/C.3/56/L.11; under item 108: A/C.3/56/L.2 in conjunction with A/C.3/56/L.7, L.8, L.9 and L.10; under item 109: A/C.3/56/L.6, L.13 and L.14.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 10th meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [125]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Iceland), Croatia, Kenya, Japan, Cuba, Belarus and Iraq.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT
Resumed third session 3rd meeting

Address by the High Commissioner for Human Rights

The High Commissioner for Human Rights addressed the Preparatory Committee.

The Assistant Secretary-General, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, made a statement.

Preparation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [3]

The Preparatory Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Samoa (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island Developing States), Australia, Canada, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the Group of Land Locked Developing Countries), Zambia, Bangladesh (on behalf of the least developed countries), the Dominican Republic, Algeria, Belarus, Peru, Cuba, New Zealand, Nepal, Brazil, Burundi and the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

A statement was made by the Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme.

A statement was also made by the representative of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

4th meeting

Preparation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [3]

The Preparatory Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the representative of the following non-governmental organization: World Association of Cities and Local Authorities Coordination.

A statement was made by the Co-Chairman, H.E. Shamshad Ahmad (Pakistan).

A statement was also made by representative of the Sudan.

The Preparatory Committee concluded its general discussion of the item.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Twenty-eighth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2001

747th and 748th (closed) meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee considered concluding observations.

Day of general discussion [6]

The Committee discussed recommendations.

FRIDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2001

749th meeting

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee considered concluding observations.

Future meetings [9]

The Committee considered the item.

Adoption of the report

The Committee adopted its draft report as contained in document CRC/C/111.

The Chairperson then declared the twenty-eighth session of the Committee closed.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
United Nations Office at Geneva
Seventy-third session

TUESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 201

1958th and 1959th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [5]

The Committee continued and concluded its consideration of the fifth periodic report of Ukraine (CCPR/C/UKR/99/5).

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [7]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on psychotropic substances. Vienna, 21 February 1971

Accession: Central African Republic (15 October 2001)*

Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961. New York, 8 August 1975

Accession: Central African Republic (15 October 2001)*

United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances. Vienna, 20 December 1988

Accession: Central African Republic (15 October 2001)*

Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards. New York, 10 June 1958

Accession: Iran (Islamic Republic of) (15 October 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

TREATY EVENT - FOCUS ON TERRORISM
(UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS)
(10-16 November 2001)

Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above event will take place from 10 November to 16 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 4 October 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those concerning terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, required full powers to the Treaty Section at the latest by 7 November 2001 for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section. Further information on the event will be provided closer to 10 November 2001.

The texts and status of multilateral treaties which address various aspects of terrorism, can be obtained at the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (http://untreaty.un.org.), including the following four Conventions deposited with the Secretary-General:

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973;

International Convention against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979;

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997; and

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

In observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, there will be a panel discussion on the theme "The Role of Cooperatives in Poverty Reduction", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, *today*, 17 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. H.E. Mr. José Roberto Andino Salazar, Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations, will chair the meeting. Several experts will participate in the panel. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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DPI/NGO Briefing

This week, the topic DPI/NGO Briefing will be "Global Security in the 21st Century: Human, Environmental, Military." The briefing will be held on Thursday, 18 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The briefings are organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI). Members of delegations, Secretariat Staff and the media are also invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-1859).

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World Food Day 2001

There will be an observance of World Food Day 2001 on the theme "Fight Hunger to Reduce Poverty" on Thursday, 18 October 2001, from 12 noon (following the adjournment of the meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development) to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Statements will be made by the Acting President of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Murari Raj Sharma, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Kofi Annan, the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Dr. Jacques Diouf, and Mr. George S. McGovern, former Ambassador of the United States to FAO, who will deliver the keynote address. All interested delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations funds and programmes, specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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New stamps and souvenir sheets

On Thursday, 18 October 2001, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of 6 commemorative stamps and three souvenir sheets on the theme "50th Anniversary of the United Nations Postal Administration". The stamps will be issued in denominations of 34 cents, 80 cents, Sw F 0.90, Sw F 1.30, S 7/euro 0.51 and S 8/euro 0.58. The denominations of the souvenir sheets will be $2.00, Sw F 3.10 and S 28/euro 2.04.

The new stamps, souvenir sheets and first-day covers can be obtained by members of delegations and staff members at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby on Thursday, 18 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. In addition, first day of issue cancellations can be obtained at a counter outside of the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building during the same hours. Details about the new issue is available in information circular ST/IC/2001/75.

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Blood Donation Drive

In the context of recent events, the Medical Services Division has organized a Blood Donation Drive. This drive will be carried out by the New York Blood Center on Monday, 29 October 2001, on the south side of the Secretariat Lobby between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The UN grounds pass would be required at the donation site.

Please note that the criteria for blood donation used by the New York Blood Center are those of the Food and Drug Administration of the United States. If you have any questions about this campaign, please call 1-800-933-BLOOD.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 18 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

3.30 p.m.	4391st meeting (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Meeting of the Security Council with the Troop Contributing Countries to the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC) pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II.A

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1373 (2001)
CONCERNING COUNTER-TERRORISM

11 a.m.	5th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(10-16 November 2001)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4/Rev.1) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 4/Rev.1) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 4

Effects of atomic radiation [85] (A/56/46, A/C.4/56/L.5, UNSCEAR 2001 Report to the General Assembly (Hereditary Effects of Radiation))

General debate

*Action on draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.5**

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women [112] (A/56/3*, A/56/38/Rev.1, A/56/174, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/268, A/56/279, A/56/306, A/56/316, A/56/328, A/56/329, A/56/472*)

2. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [113] (A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/306, A/56/319 and Add.1)

Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [27]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.11

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.2 and the amendments contained in document A/C.3/56/L.7; A/C.3/56/L.8, A/C.3/56/L.9 and A/C.3/56/L.10

3. Follow-up to the International year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [109]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.3, A/C.3/56/L.6, A/C.3/56/L.13 and A/C.3/56/L.14

4. Advancement of women [112] (A/56/3*, A/56/38/Rev.1, A/56/174, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/268, A/56/279, A/56/306, A/56/316, A/56/328, A/56/329, A/56/472*)

5. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender quality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [113] (A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/306, A/56/319 and Add.1)

Continuation of general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 3

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [125] (A/56/11 and Add.1)

Conclusion of general discussion

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/56/11 and Add.1))

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* Following the adjournment of the 13th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Resumed third session

10 a.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 2

Address by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Morning*- 12 noon	informal meeting	Conference Room 2

Preparations of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [3] (A/AC.257/25)

Consideration of draft outcome document: Trade

3 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 2

Statement by the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund

Afternoon**- 6 p.m.	informal meeting	Conference Room 2

Preparations of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [3] (A/AC.257/25)

Consideration of draft outcome document: Increasing international financial cooperation for development through, inter alia, official development assistance

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	informal meeting	Conference Room 2

Preparations of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [3] (A/AC.257/25)

Consideration of draft outcome document: Debt

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* Following the adjournment of the 6th meeting

** Following the adjournment of the 7th meeting

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations International Drug Control Programme

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

HIGH-LEVEL SUMMIT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (HLSOC)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	1st meeting (closed)	Conference Room 8

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 108 (Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing disabled person and the family)

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Recommendations on support for volunteering", organized by the delegations of Japan and the Netherlands, will be held *today*, 18 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The draft has been sent by fax to all delegations. All interested delegations are invited to participate.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 18 October 2001

ISLAMIC GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE
(at the expert level)

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 117 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination) and other matters)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(Second World Assembly on Ageing)

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77
(on the International Conference on Financing for Development)

1.30 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
6.30 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

AFRICAN GROUP
(meeting of the Least Developed countries)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ALLIANCE OF SMALL ISLAND STATES

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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There will be a meeting of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) of the Second Committee *today*, 18 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a closed meeting of the MASON Group *(First Committee) today*, 18 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) *today*, 18 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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There will be meetings of the 2001 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 18 October 2001, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Informal meeting

An informal meeting on the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms and the United Nations Standardized Instrument for Reporting Military Expenditures for working level delegates, organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, will take place *today*, 18 October 2001, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room D. For any further information, please contact Mr. Nazir Kamal (tel: (212) 963-6195).

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Informal consultations

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction, organized by the delegations of Belgium, Nicaragua and Norway, will be held *today*, 18 October 2001, at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E. All interested delegations are invited to participate.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations of interested delegations and potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific, organized by the delegation of Nepal, *today*, 18 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations of interested delegations and potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on Illicit Trade in small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects organized by the delegation of Colombia, *today*, 18 October 2001, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room D. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 19 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 14th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of the 9th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

On Monday, 22 October 2001, at 10 a.m., Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) will address the Second Committee on "The impact of the current slowdown on developing countries in an interdependent global economy". Following this address the Committee will hear an introductory statement by Mr. Michael Zammit Cutajar, Executive Secretary of the Secretariat for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The Committee will also hear an introductory statement to draft resolution "Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006), including the establishment of the World Solidarity Fund for poverty eradication" (A/C.2/56/L.5).

The Committee will then convert itself into informal consultations to consider draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.2, L.3 and L.4.

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Human Genome", organized by the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the InterAcademy Council, on Friday, 19 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The panel will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Francisco Seixas da Costa (Portugal), Chairman of the Second Committee. Mr. Michael Doyle, Special Advisor and Assistant Secretary-General, Executive Office of the Secretary-General, will serve as Moderator. Presentations will be made by Professor Bruce

Alberts; President of the National Academy of Sciences, Professor Eric S. Lander, Massachusetts Institute of Science and Technology; Dr. Nirmal Kumar Ganguly, Director-General of the Indian Council of Medical Research; Professor Arturo Falaschi, President, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology; and Professor Ruichi Ida, Chairman of the International Bioethics Committee of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Wednesday, 24 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., on Thursday, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Wednesday, 31 October, Thursday, 1 November, and Friday, 2 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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The 2001 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Wednesday, 7 November 2001, at 10 a.m., and on Thursday, 8 November, at 10 a.m. The conference room will be announced at a later date.

It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 29 October, until Tuesday, 6 November 2001.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be informal consultations, under the chairmanship of the Vice-President of the Council, H.E. Mr.Ivan Šimonovic (Croatia), on Monday, 22 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, on the following pending issues under the general segment of the Economic and Social Council:

Allocation from the regular budget of the United Nations of resources for the Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council (item 1) (E/2001/L.45)

Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination [7 (a)] (E/2001/55, E/2001/43)

Restructuring and revitalization of the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance (item 13 (k)) (A/56/127-E/2001/101 and E/2001/L.46)

Programme of Action for the Least developed countries (LDCs) (item 1) (A/CONF. 191/11)

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements (Habitat) (item 13 (d)) (A/56/8)

Report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development on its second session (item 13 (j)) (E/2000/32)

Report of the Committee for Development planning [13 (a)] (E/2001/33)

The Economic and Social Council will hold its resumed substantive session of 2001 on Tuesday, 23 October 2001, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Jalang'o (Kenya), on Thursday, 1 November 2001, at 10 a.m. (sharp) in Conference Room 9.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Announcement

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Friday, 19 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 *(on the resumed session of the Economic and Social Council)* on Monday, 22 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, and from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(agenda items 98 (a) to (e) and (g) (Environment and Sustainable Development))* on Tuesday, 23 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea))* on Tuesday, 23 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be closed meetings of the MASON Group on 25 October 2001, 1 November and 8 November (time and conference room to be announced).

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Seminar

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section Office of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs are organizing a Seminar: Deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar will be held on Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 October 2001, at United Nations Headquarters in New York. A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The deadline for registration is Friday 19 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Marina Walter (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-0073).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Monday, 5 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 6 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 24 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/ireland.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 17 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 11th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements made by the representatives of Ghana, Oman, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Moldova, Cameroon, Armenia, Turkey, Uganda, Pakistan, Kuwait and Eritrea, as well as by the representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

The Committee concluded its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items.

Statements were made in the exercise of the right of reply by the representatives of Iraq and Kuwait.

The deadline for submission of draft resolutions on all disarmament and international security agenda items is tomorrow, Thursday, 18 October 2001, at 6 p.m.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 8th meeting

Statements were made by the Chairman and the Committee Secretary.

Effects of Atomic Radiation [85]

The Chairman of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (UNSCEAR) introduced the report as well as the draft resolution on the item contained in document A/C.4/56/L.5.

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements from the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and the associated countries, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, as well as the EFTA country member Norway), Ukraine, Belarus, India, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Japan.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate at 6 p.m. today.

The Committee decided, on the proposal by the Chairman, to conclude the general debate and take action on the draft resolution at its meeting tomorrow, 18 October 2001.

THIRD COMMITTEE 12th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [110]

International drug control [111]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of India, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Kuwait, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Haiti, Morocco, Thailand, Belarus (also on behalf of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Armenia, the Russian Federation and Tajikistan), Turkey, Brunei Darussalam, Iraq and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the item.

13th meeting

Advancement of women [112]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session for the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [113]

The Committee began its joint consideration of the items and heard an introductory statement by the Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women.

The Officer-in-Charge of the Division for the Advancement of Women and the Deputy Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women also made introductory statements.

The Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, the Officer-in-Charge of the Division for the Advancement of Women and the Deputy Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women responded to questions raised by the representatives of Belgium, India, Benin, Cuba and Algeria.

The Secretary of the Committee further responded to a question raised by the representative of India.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Iceland), Swaziland (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Chile (on behalf of the Rio Group), China and the Russian Federation.

The representative of the World Bank also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that Mr. Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, would be the coordinator of the consultations on the traditional Chairman's draft resolution on item 113.

The Chairman made a statement in connection with the late issuance of the report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the status of women in the United Nations and the Committee subsequently agreed to extend the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda item 112 until 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 24 October. However, the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda item 113 would be Monday, 22 October.

The Chairman also announced that the Committee would aim to take action on the following draft proposals on Thursday, 18 October, in the afternoon: under item 27: A/C.3/56/L.11; under item 108: A/C.3/56/L.2 in conjunction with A/C.3/56/L.7, L.8, L.9 and L.10; under item 109: A/C.3/56/L.3, L.6, L.13 and L.14.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 11th meeting

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [129]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey), New Zealand (on behalf of Australia, Canada and New Zealand), the United States, Pakistan, Norway, Singapore, the Philippines (on behalf of the ASEAN Countries), Indonesia, Morocco, the Russian Federation, China, the Republic of Korea, Bangladesh, Kenya, Cuba and Thailand.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

12th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123] *(A/56/6 and Corr.1, introduction and fascicles 1-33 and income sections 1-3, A/56/7 and A/56/16)*

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Guyana, India, Egypt, the Philippines (on behalf of the Group of ASEAN Countries), Myanmar and Ghana.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT
Resumed third session 5th meeting

Address by the President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development

The President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, on behalf of the Food and Agricultural Organization and the World Food Programme, addressed the Preparatory Committee.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Seventy-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

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1960th and 1961st meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [5]

The Committee began its consideration of the fifth periodic report of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and overseas territories (CCPR/C/UK/99/5 and CCPR/C/UKOT/99/5).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties. Vienna, 23 May 1969

Accession: Viet Nam (10 October 2001)*

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995

Consent to be bound: Bosnia and Herzegovina (11 October 2001)*

International Convention against the taking of hostages. New York, 17 December 1979

Accession: Monaco (16 October 2001)*

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Portugal (16 October 2001)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Acceptance: Iran (Islamic Republic of) (17 October 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Nicaragua (17 October 2001)

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001

Signature: Burkina Faso (17 October 2001)

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

TREATY EVENT _ FOCUS ON TERRORISM (UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS) (10-16 November 2001)

Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above event will take place from 10 November to 16 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 4 October 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those concerning terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, required full powers to the Treaty Section at the latest by 7 November 2001 for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section. Further information on the event will be provided closer to 10 November 2001.

The texts and status of multilateral treaties which address various aspects of terrorism, can be obtained at the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (http://untreaty.un.org.),

including the following four Conventions deposited with the Secretary-General:

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973;

International Convention against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979;

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997; and

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 18 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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DPI/NGO Briefing

This week, the topic DPI/NGO Briefing will be "Global Security in the 21st Century: Human, Environmental, Military." The briefing will be held on *today*, 18 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The briefings are organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI). Members of delegations, Secretariat Staff and the media are also invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-1859).

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World Food Day 2001

There will be an observance of World Food Day 2001 on the theme "Fight Hunger to Reduce Poverty" *today*, 18 October 2001, from 12 noon (following the adjournment of the meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development) to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Statements will be delivered by the Acting President of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Murari Raj Sharma, on behalf of the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Kofi Annan, the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Dr. Jacques Diouf, and Mr. George S. McGovern, former Ambassador of the United States to FAO, who will deliver the keynote address. All interested delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations funds and programmes, specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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New stamps and souvenir sheets

Today, 18 October 2001, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of 6 commemorative stamps and three souvenir sheets on the theme "50th Anniversary of the United Nations Postal Administration". The stamps will be issued in denominations of 34 cents, 80 cents, Sw F 0.90, Sw F 1.30, S 7/euro 0.51 and S 8/euro 0.58. The denominations of the souvenir sheets will be $2.00, Sw F 3.10 and S 28/euro 2.04.

The new stamps, souvenir sheets and first-day covers can be obtained by members of delegations and staff members at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby *today*, 18 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. In addition, first day of issue cancellations can be obtained at a counter outside of the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building during the same hours. Details about the new issue is available in information circular ST/IC/2001/75.

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Blood Donation Drive

In the context of recent events, the Medical Services Division has organized a Blood Donation Drive. This drive will be carried out by the New York Blood Center on Monday, 29 October 2001, on the south side of the Secretariat Lobby between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The UN grounds pass would be required at the donation site.

Please note that the criteria for blood donation used by the New York Blood Center are those of the Food and Drug Administration of the United States. If you have any questions about this campaign, please call 1-800-933-BLOOD.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 19 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. 4392nd meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The situation in Somalia

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Somalia (S/2001/963)

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 29th and 30th plenary meetings of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly will be held on Monday, 22 October 2001, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall (see p. 5).

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(10-16 November 2001)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4/Rev.1) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 4/Rev.1) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women [112] (A/56/3*, A/56/38/Rev.1, A/56/174, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/268, A/56/279, A/56/306, A/56/316, A/56/328, A/56/329, A/56/472*)

2. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [113] (A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/306, A/56/319 and Add.1)

Continuation of general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 3

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123] (A/56/6 and Corr.1, introduction and fascicles 1-33 and income sections 1-3, A/56/7 and A/56/16)

Continuation of general discussion

Morning* - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 121 and 126 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and Human resources management: Proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights, and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission and regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of the Secretary-General (A/55/928 and A/56/437))

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* Following the adjournment of the 14th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Observer status for Partners in Population and Development in the General Assembly [176] (A/55/241, A/C.6/56/L.4 and Corr.1)

Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly [168] (A/55/617, A/C.6/56/L.5)

Observer status for the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States in the General Assembly [173] (A/55/191, A/C.6/56/L.3)

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

Morning* - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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* Following the adjournment of the 9th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Resumed third session

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal meeting	Conference Room 2

Preparations of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [3] (A/AC.257/25)

Consideration of draft outcome document: Addressing systemic issues (enhancing the coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems in support of development); Staying engaged

3 p.m.	informal meeting	Conference Room 2

Preparations of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [3] (A/AC.257/25)

Conclusion of consideration of draft outcome document

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]

   *Action on draft proposals contained in A/AC.257/29 and Add.1 and Corr.1***)*

2. Preparations of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [3]

   Action on draft proposal

3. Draft provisional agenda for the fourth session of the Preparatory Committee [4] (A/AC.257/L.9**)

4. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its third session [5] (A/AC.257/L.8**)

   Conclusion of the session

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* Following the adjournment of the informal meeting.

** To be issued.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft report
2. Executive session on the United Nations International Drug Control Programme
3. Executive session on the United Nations University

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

Second regular session of 2001

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Human Genome", organized by the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the InterAcademy Council, *today*, 19 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The panel will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Francisco Seixas da Costa (Portugal), Chairman of the Second Committee. Mr. Michael Doyle, Special Advisor and Assistant Secretary-General, Executive Office of the Secretary-General, will serve as Moderator and Professor Bruce Alberts; President of the National Academy of Sciences, will serve as Co-moderator. Presentations will be made by Professor Eric S. Lander, Massachusetts Institute of Science and Technology; Dr. Nirmal Kumar Ganguly, Director-General of the Indian Council of Medical Research; Professor Arturo Falaschi, President, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology; and Professor Ruichi Ida, Chairman of the International Bioethics Committee of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Friday, 19 October 2001

ISLAMIC GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE
(at the expert level)

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP:

GROUP OF EXPERTS
(on Sixth Committee matters)

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

ARAB GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77
(on the International Conference on Financing for Development)

1.30 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.3 (World Summit on the Information Society))

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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There will be a meeting of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) of the Second Committee *today*, 19 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be meetings of the 2001 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 19 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 22 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 29th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme [16 (b)]
2. Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/56/399) [16 (c)]
3. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: note by the Secretary-General (A/56/108) [17 (h)]
4. University for Peace [31]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/314)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.4)
5. Culture of peace [28]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/349)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.5)

3 p.m. 30th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/56/313) [14]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 15th meeting.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

On Monday, 22 October 2001, at 10 a.m., Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) will address the Second Committee on "The impact of the current slowdown on developing countries in an interdependent global economy". Following this address, the Committee will hear an introductory statement by Mr. Michael Zammit Cutajar, Executive Secretary of the Secretariat for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (A/56/385). The Committee will also hear an introductory statement to draft resolution "Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006), including the establishment of the World Solidarity Fund for poverty eradication" (A/C.2/ 56/L.5*).

The Committee will then convert itself into informal consultations to consider draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.2, L.3 and L.4.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Wednesday, 24 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., on Thursday, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Wednesday, 31 October, Thursday, 1 November, and Friday, 2 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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The 2001 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Wednesday, 7 November 2001, at 10 a.m., and on Thursday, 8 November, at 10 a.m. The conference room will be announced at a later date.

It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 29 October, until Tuesday, 6 November 2001.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be informal consultations, under the chairmanship of the Vice-President of the Council, H.E. Mr.Ivan Šimonović (Croatia), on Monday, 22 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, on the following pending issues under the general segment of the Economic and Social Council:

Allocation from the regular budget of the United Nations of resources for the Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council (item 1) (E/2001/L.45)

Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination [7 (a)] (E/2001/55, E/2001/43)

Restructuring and revitalization of the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance (item 13 (k)) (A/56/127-E/2001/101 and E/2001/L.46)

Programme of Action for the Least developed countries (LDCs) (item 1) (A/CONF. 191/11)

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements (Habitat) (item 13 (d)) (A/56/8)

Report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development on its second session (item 13 (j)) (E/2000/32)

Report of the Committee for Development planning (item 13 (a)) (E/2001/33)

The Economic and Social Council will hold its resumed substantive session of 2001 on Tuesday, 23 October 2001, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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The Bureau of the Preparatory Committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing will hold a meeting on Thursday, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with participation of all interested delegations, for the purpose of reviewing the draft text of the International Strategy for Action on Ageing 2002 (as contained in document E/CN.5/2001/PC/L.9), in preparation for the resumed session of the Preparatory Committee on 10 December 2001.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Jalang'o (Kenya), on Thursday, 1 November 2001, at 10 a.m. (sharp) in Conference Room 9.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive-Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) has now been rescheduled to take place from 11 to 13 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters.

Delegations who have not yet inscribed in the list of speakers for the general exchange of views (item 10 of the draft provisional agenda of the Conference - document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/1/Rev.1) are kindly asked to communicate their request in writing to the Secretariat of the Conference (room S-3140). States will be enlisted on a first-come-first served basis, with the proviso that representatives at the highest level will be given priority.

Furthermore, in accordance with item 11 of the draft provisional agenda, States which have not signed the Treaty will be able to make statements at the Conference. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat of the Conference.

For enquiries regarding the provisional list of speakers, please contact Ms. Myrna Peña (tel.: (212) 963-4022; fax: (212) 963-8892).

As a general guidance, it is assumed that speakers, at the discretion of the President, will talk for up to five minutes each. The Secretariat also wishes to advise that it is the wish of the majority of the States which have ratified the CTBT that the Conference be attended at a high level.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for representatives of ratifiers and the names of alternate representatives and advisers, in accordance with rule 3 of the draft rules of procedure (document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/2). Credentials may be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892), if possible, not later than 2 November 2001.

A list of participants will be prepared for the Conference on the basis of credentials and/or written lists of delegations that are provided to the Secretariat of the Conference. This information should be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892), if possible, not later than 2 November 2001.

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Announcement

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

The announcements in this section are reproduced as received.
The designations employed do not imply the expression
of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 *(on the resumed session of the Economic and Social Council)* on Monday, 22 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, and from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on agenda item 117 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination))* on Monday, 22 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Conference Room D.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level) (on a briefing by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD)* on Monday, 22 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(agenda items 98 (a) to (e) and (g) (Environment and Sustainable Development))* on Tuesday, 23 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

There will be a briefing of the Group of 77 on the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review on Tuesday, 23 October 2001, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea))* on Tuesday, 23 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the Islamic Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Monday, 22 October 2001, at 3.30 p.m. (conference room to be announced).

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There will be a closed meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Wednesday, 24 October 2001, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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There will be closed meetings of the MASON Group on 25 October 2001, 1 November and 8 November (time and conference room to be announced).

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Seminar

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section Office of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs are organizing a Seminar: Deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar will be held on Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 October 2001, at United Nations Headquarters in New York. A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The deadline for registration is *today*, 19 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Marina Walter (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-0073).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Monday, 5 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 6 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 24 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/ireland.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 18 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4391st (closed) meeting

Meeting of the Security Council with the Troop Contributing Countries to the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC) pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II.A

The Security Council met in private.

The meeting was suspended and will resumed at a later date.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 9th meeting

Effects of Atomic Radiation [85]

The Committee concluded its general debate with statements by the representatives of Thailand (on behalf of the member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Egypt, Uruguay (on behalf of the member countries of MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay and the associated States, Bolivia and Chile)), the Syrian Arab Republic, Pakistan, Cuba and Burkina Faso.

The Chairman announced that Cyprus, Kazakhstan, Pakistan and San Marino had become co-sponsors of the draft resolution (A/C.4/56/L.5*). The delegations of Ukraine, Belarus, Suriname and Australia also informed the Committee that they were also co-sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.5* without a vote.

Statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Israel and Egypt.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 85.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that on Monday, 22 October 2001, the Committee would begin its consideration of agenda item 86 (International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible.

The Chairman also informed the Committee about the status of the election of the Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur.

THIRD COMMITTEE 14th meeting

Advancement of women [112]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session for the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [113]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Egypt, Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Burkina Faso (on behalf of the States of West Africa), Cuba, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, the Sudan, Uganda, the Philippines, Mongolia, Australia, El Salvador, Norway, Nigeria, Japan, Morocco and Peru, as well as by the observer for the Holy See.

The representative of the International Labour Organization also made a statement.

15th meeting

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [27]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.11

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Chile announced that Armenia, Australia, Bulgaria, Malta and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Barbados, Belize, Burkina Faso, Eritrea, Estonia, Fiji, Haiti, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Saint Lucia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Jamaica, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Togo in connection with the draft resolution.

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.2 and the amendments contained in document A/C.3/56/L.7

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral correction that had been made to document A/C.3/56/L.7.

The representative of Benin announced that Argentina, Belarus, Bolivia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Russian Federation, Sierra Leone, Suriname and Burkina Faso had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently Chile, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Guinea, Malawi, Morocco and Nicaragua joined in sponsoring the draft amendments.

The Committee adopted the proposed amendments as contained in document A/C.3/56/L.7, as orally corrected.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/56/L.2, as amended.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Benin.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.9

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral correction that had been made to the text when the draft resolution was introduced.

The representative of the Philippines announced that Andorra, Bangladesh, Belize, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Columbia, Cyprus, Ecuador, Eritrea, Grenada, Lithuania, Malta, Mauritius, Namibia, Nicaragua, Norway, Peru, Republic of Moldova, San Marino, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Zimbabwe had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Armenia, Bolivia, Dominican Republic, Georgia, Guatemala, Haiti, Iceland, Jamaica, Latvia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, the Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland and Turkey joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Follow-up to the International year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.3

It was recalled that the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.3.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.13

It was recalled that the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.13.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.14

It was recalled that the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.14.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Advancement of women [112]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session for the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [113]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Angola, Morocco, the United Arab Emirates, the United Republic of Tanzania, Ukraine, the Netherlands, Brazil, San Marino, Jamaica, Bolivia, Iraq, Dominican Republic and Canada.

The representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross also made a statement.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 13th meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [125] *(A/56/11 and Add.1)*

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Arab Emirates, Colombia and Uruguay.

The Chairman of the Committee on Contributions replied to questions raised.

The Secretary of the Committee on Contributions also replied to a question raised by the representative of India.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin on that day, Thursday, 18 October 2001, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. A.V.S. Ramesh Chandra (India).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT
Resumed third session 6th meeting

Address by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

The Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development addressed the Preparatory Committee.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Seventy-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 18 OCTOBER 201

1962nd and 1963rd meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [5]

The Committee continued and concluded its consideration of the fifth periodic report of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and overseas territories (CCPR/C/UK/99/5 and CCPR/C/UKOT/99/5).

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [7]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Lebanon (10 October 2001)

TREATY EVENT _ FOCUS ON TERRORISM
(UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS)
(10-16 November 2001)

Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above event will take place from 10 November to 16 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 4 October 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those concerning terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, required full powers to the Treaty Section at the latest by 7 November 2001 for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section. Further information on the event will be provided closer to 10 November 2001.

The texts and status of multilateral treaties which address various aspects of terrorism, can be obtained at the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (http://untreaty.un.org.),

including the following four Conventions deposited with the Secretary-General:

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973;

International Convention against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979;

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997; and

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blood Donation Drive

In the context of recent events, the Medical Services Division has organized a Blood Donation Drive. This drive will be carried out by the New York Blood Center on Monday, 29 October 2001, on the south side of the Secretariat Lobby between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The UN grounds pass would be required at the donation site.

Please note that the criteria for blood donation used by the New York Blood Center are those of the Food and Drug Administration of the United States. If you have any questions about this campaign, please call 1-800-933-BLOOD.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 22 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Eritrea/Ethiopia

Guinea-Bissau (S/2001/915)

Annual report of the Security Council to the General Assembly

Other matters

12 noon	4394th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. General issues relating to sanctions

3.30 p.m.	4391st meeting (resumed) (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Meeting of the Security Council with the Troop Contributing Countries to the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC) pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II.A

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(10-16 November 2001)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4/Rev.1) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 4/Rev.1) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1343 (2001) CONCERNING LIBERIA

3.30 p.m. 7th (closed) meeting Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 29th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme [16 (b)]
2. Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/56/399) [16 (c)]
3. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: note by the Secretary-General (A/56/108) [17 (h)]
4. University for Peace [31]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/314)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.4)
5. Culture of peace [28]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/349)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.5)

3 p.m. 30th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/56/313) [14]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 12th meeting Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84:

Documents of the First Committee: *item 64* (A/56/267 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/L.42); *item 65* (A/56/347, A/C.1/56/L.30); *item 66* (A/56/29 (Supp. 1.); A/C.1/56/L.22); *item 67* (A/C.1/56/L.9); *item 68* (A/C.1/56/L.41); *item 69* (A/56/164 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/L.3); *item 70* (A/C.1/56/L.13); *item 71* (A/56/187, A/C.1/56/L.5); *item 72* (A/C.1/56/L.26); *item 73* (A/C.1/56/L.7); *item 74* (A/56/172, A/56/136 and Add.1 and 2, A/56/309, A/56/182, A/56/165, A/56/183, A/56/166, A/56/400, A/56/296, A/56/404, A/56/257 and Add.1, A/56/130 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/L.1, L.6, L.8, L.14, L.16, L.19, L.20, L.21, L.24, L.27, L.28, L.31, L.32, L.33, L.34, L.35, L.38, L.39, L.40, L.44 and L.45); *item 75* (A/56/285, A/56/137, A/56/154, A/56/266, A/C.1/56/L.2, L.12 and L.18); *item 76* (A/56/418, A/56/359, A/56/27, A/56/42, A/C.1/56/L.4 and L.36); *item* 77 (A/56/425, A/C.1/56/L.25); *item 78* (A/56/163, A/C.1/56/L.43); *item 79* (A/56/153, A/C.1/56/L.37); *item 80* (A/C.1/56/L.17); *item 81* (A/C.1/56/L.11); *item 82* (A/C.1/56/L.10); *item 84* (A/C.1/56/L.23); [A/C.1/56/1, A/C.1/56/2, A/C.1/56/3 and A/C.1/56/INF.1]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 4

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [86] (A/56/20 and Corr.1; A/56/306; A/56/394)

WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

* Following the adjournment of the 10th meeting of the Fourth Committee.

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	13th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Address by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on "The impact of the current slowdown on developing countries in an interdependent global economy"

2. Environment and sustainable development [98]:

   (f) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (A/56/385)

   Introductory statement by the Executive Secretary of the secretariat for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

3. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [103]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.5

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions (A/C.2/56/L.2 (item 95 (c)), L.3 (item 95 (c)), and L.4 (item 100)

* Following the adjournment of the 13th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women [112] (A/56/3*, A/56/38/Rev.1, A/56/174, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/268, A/56/279, A/56/306, A/56/316, A/56/328, A/56/329, A/56/472*)

2. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [113] (A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/306, A/56/319 and Add.1)

   Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [115] (A/56/203, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/342-S/2001/852, A/56/453*, A/56/488*)

Introduction, dialogue and general discussion

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [120]

   (b) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/56/5/Add.5 and A/56/436)

   Implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors (A/56/66 and Add.1, A/56/132 and A/56/436)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123] (A/56/6 and Corr.1, introduction and fascicles 1-33 and income sections 1-3, A/56/7 and A/56/16)

   Conclusion of general discussion

3. Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [122]

   Honorariums payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs (A/56/311)

   General discussion

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: Development account (A/55/913 and A/56/7))

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 128 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/56/34 and Corr.1, A/56/84, A/56/135 and A/56/356))

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* Following the adjournment of the 15th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

UNICEF

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 2001

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations, under the chairmanship of the Vice-President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Ivan Šimonović (Croatia), on the following pending issues under the general segment of the Economic and Social Council:

Allocation from the regular budget of the United Nations of resources for the Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council (item 1) (E/2001/L.45 and L.47)

Programme of Action for the Least developed countries (LDCs) (item 1) (A/CONF. 191/11)

Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination [7 (a)] (E/2001/55)

Report of the Committee for Development planning (item 13 (a)) (E/2001/33)

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements (Habitat) (item 13 (d)) (A/56/8)

Report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development on its second session (item 13 (j)) (E/2000/32)

Restructuring and revitalization of the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance (item 13 (k)) (A/56/127-E/2001/101 and E/2001/L.46)

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet on Monday, 22 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 22 October 2001

ISLAMIC GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE
(at the expert level)

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on the resumed session of the Economic and Social Council)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 117 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination))

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE

12.30 a.m.- 2.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

ARAB GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77
(at the ambassadorial level)
(on a briefing by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD)

1.15 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ISLAMIC GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

3.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

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There will be meetings of the 2001 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament on Monday, 22 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 23 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	20th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 16th meeting.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships), organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), will be held on Tuesday, 23 October 2001, from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Wednesday, 24 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., on Thursday, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Wednesday, 31 October, Thursday, 1 November, and Friday, 2 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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The 2001 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Wednesday, 7 November 2001, at 10 a.m., and on Thursday, 8 November, at 10 a.m. The conference room will be announced at a later date.

It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 29 October, until Tuesday, 6 November 2001.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Economic and Social Council will hold its 45th meeting of the resumed substantive session of 2001 on Tuesday, 23 October 2001, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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The Bureau of the Preparatory Committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing will hold a meeting on Thursday, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with participation of all interested delegations, for the purpose of reviewing the draft text of the International Strategy for Action on Ageing 2002 (as contained in document E/CN.5/2001/PC/L.9), in preparation for the resumed session of the Preparatory Committee on 10 December 2001.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Jalang'o (Kenya), on Thursday, 1 November 2001, at 10 a.m. (sharp) in Conference Room 9.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive-Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) has now been rescheduled to take place from 11 to 13 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters.

Delegations who have not yet inscribed in the list of speakers for the general exchange of views (item 10 of the draft provisional agenda of the Conference - document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/1/Rev.1) are kindly asked to communicate their request in writing to the Secretariat of the Conference (room S-3140). States will be enlisted on a first-come-first served basis, with the proviso that representatives at the highest level will be given priority.

Furthermore, in accordance with item 11 of the draft provisional agenda, States which have not signed the Treaty will be able to make statements at the Conference. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat of the Conference.

For enquiries regarding the provisional list of speakers, please contact Ms. Myrna Peña (tel.: (212) 963-4022; fax: (212) 963-8892).

As a general guidance, it is assumed that speakers, at the discretion of the President, will talk for up to five minutes each. The Secretariat also wishes to advise that it is the wish of the majority of the States which have ratified the CTBT that the Conference be attended at a high level.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for representatives of ratifiers and the names of alternate representatives and advisers, in accordance with rule 3 of the draft rules of procedure (document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/2). Credentials may be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892), if possible, not later than 2 November 2001.

A list of participants will be prepared for the Conference on the basis of credentials and/or written lists of delegations that are provided to the Secretariat of the Conference. This information should be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892), if possible, not later than 2 November 2001.

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Announcement

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(agenda items 98 (a) to (e) and (g) (Environment and Sustainable Development))* on Tuesday, 23 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

There will be a briefing of the Group of 77 on the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review on Tuesday, 23 October 2001, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea))* on Tuesday, 23 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Wednesday, 24 October 2001, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9, and on Friday, 26 October, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be closed meetings of the MASON Group from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. in Conference Room 8 on Thursday, 25 October 2001, Thursday, 1 November, and Thursday, 8 November.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Meeting the Millennium Development Goals: Implementing Goal 3 on Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women" on Wednesday, 24 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Presenters will be Karen Mason, Director of the World Bank's Gender and Development Group, Angela King, Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, and Noeleen Heyzer, Director of the UN Fund for Women (UNIFEM). All interested delegations are invited to attend. For information, call (212) 986-8306.

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Seminar

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section Office of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs are organizing a Seminar: Deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar will be held on Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 October 2001, at United Nations Headquarters in New York. A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Marina Walter (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-0073).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Monday, 5 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 6 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 24 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) at Columbia University are jointly conducting a Columbia/UNITAR workshop on civil-military coordination in peacebuilding. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 8 and Friday, 9 November 2001 from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 1 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/ireland.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 19 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4392nd meeting

The situation in Somalia

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Somalia (S/2001/963)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Belgium, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iraq, Japan, Kenya, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Nigeria, Qatar, Somalia, and the Syrian Arab Republic, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. David Stephen, Representative of the Secretary-General for Somalia.

In response to the request contained in a letter dated 18 October 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Mali to the United Nations (S/2001/984), the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the Permanent Observer of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to the United Nations, His Excellency Mr. Mokhtar Lamani.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by the Representative of the Secretary-General for Somalia.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, France, Singapore, Ukraine, the Russian Federation, Tunisia, the United Kingdom, Colombia, the United States, Norway, Mauritius, Jamaica, Mali and Bangladesh, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Ireland.

The Council then heard a statement by the Prime Minister of Somalia.

The representatives of Djibouti, Egypt and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya made statements.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon the resumption of the meeting, the Council heard statements by the representatives of Japan, Belgium (speaking on behalf of the European Union and Central and Eastern European associated with the European Union – Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, and Iceland, EFTA country member of the European Economic Area, which aligned themselves with the statement), Nigeria, Yemen, Ethiopia, the Syrian Arab Republic, and Qatar.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier at the meeting, the Council heard a statement under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by the Permanent Observer of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to the United Nations, His Excellency Mr. Mokhtar Lamani.

The representatives of Iraq and Kenya made statements.

Mr. Stephen responded to comments and questions posed by members of the Council.

The Prime Minister of Somalia made a statement.

4393rd meeting

The situation in Angola

Letter dated 12 October 2001 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 864 (1993) concerning the situation in Angola addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2001/966)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution (S/2001/985), which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/2001/985).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2001/985) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1374 (2001).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 16th meeting

Advancement of women [112]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session for the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [113]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Cyprus, Sri Lanka, Ethiopia, Liechtenstein, Costa Rica, Andorra, Malaysia, Eritrea, Indonesia, Iceland, Madagascar, Paraguay, Kuwait and Bangladesh

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

The representative of the International Organization for Migration also made a statement.

Rights of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Israel, Iraq and Kuwait, as well as by the observer for Palestine.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that the Committee would hear introduction of draft proposals at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 23 October, and aim to take action on draft proposals ready for action on Wednesday, 24 October, as follows: under agenda item 108: L.8/Rev.1, L.10/Rev.1 and L.12/Rev.1*; under agenda item 109: L.6 and all other draft proposals submitted under items 110 and 111.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 14th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123] *(A/56/6 and Corr.1, introduction and fascicles 1-33 and income sections 1-3, A/56/7 and A/56/16)*

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Chile (on behalf of the RIO Group), Brazil, Morocco, Kuwait, Kazakhstan, Mozambique (on behalf of the African Group), Israel, Ukraine, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Kenya and Belarus.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 9th meeting

Observer status for Partners in Population and Development in the General Assembly [176]

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement.

The Committee concluded its debate on agenda item 176.

Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly [168]

The representative of Sweden made a statement.

The Committee concluded its debate on agenda item 168.

Observer status for the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States in the General Assembly [173]

The Chairman made a statement.

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT
Resumed third session 7th meeting

Note: The summary of the 7th meeting of the Preparatory Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2001/204).

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Seventy-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2001

1964th and 1965th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [5]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the second periodic report of Switzerland (CCPR/C/CH/98/2).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984

Declaration under articles 21 and 22: Germany (19 October 2001)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. London, 29 June 1990

Acceptance: Burundi (18 October 2001)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

Acceptance: Burundi (18 October 2001)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Acceptance: Burundi (18 October 2001)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Acceptance: Burundi (18 October 2001)*

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Accession: Burundi (18 October 2001)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Romania (18 October 2001)*

Entry into force of the Protocol: 18 January 2002, in accordance with its article 14 (1).

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Republic of Korea (9 October 2001)

Signature: Cuba (19 October 2001)

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

TREATY EVENT - FOCUS ON TERRORISM (UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS) (10-16 November 2001)

Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above event will take place from 10 November to 16 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 4 October 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those concerning terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, required full powers to the Treaty Section at the latest by 7 November 2001 for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section. Further information on the event will be provided closer to 10 November 2001.

The texts and status of multilateral treaties which address various aspects of terrorism, can be obtained at the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (http://untreaty.un.org.), including the following four Conventions deposited with the Secretary-General:

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973;

International Convention against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979;

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997; and

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Blood Donation Drive

In the context of recent events, the Medical Services Division has organized a Blood Donation Drive. This drive will be carried out by the New York Blood Center on Monday, 29 October 2001, on the south side of the Secretariat Lobby between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The UN grounds pass would be required at the donation site.

Please note that the criteria for blood donation used by the New York Blood Center are those of the Food and Drug Administration of the United States. If you have any questions about this campaign, please call 1-800-933-BLOOD

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Chairmen of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October 2001 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Sudan
H.E. Mr. Elfatih Mohamed Ahmed Erwa

Asian States:
Sri Lanka
H.E. Mr. John de Saram

Eastern European States:
Georgia
H.E. Mr. Peter P. Chkheidze

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Haiti
H.E. Mr. Pierre Lelong

Western European and other States:
Ireland
H.E. Mr. Richard Ryan

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 23 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. — consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultation Room

Afghanistan

Briefing by the Secretariat

Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2001/970)

Other matters

Resolution 1373 of 28 September 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1373 (2001) CONCERNING COUNTER-TERRORISM

3.30 p.m. — 6th meeting (closed) — Conference Room 7

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(10-16 November 2001)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4/Rev.1) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 4/Rev.1) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 13th meeting — Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84:

Documents of the First Committee: *item 64* (A/56/267 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/L.42); *item 65* (A/56/347, A/C.1/56/L.30); *item 66* (A/56/29 (Supp.1); A/C.1/56/L.22); *item 67* (A/C.1/56/L.9); *item 68* (A/C.1/56/L.41); *item 69* (A/56/164 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/L.3); *item 70* (A/C.1/56/L.13); *item 71* (A/56/187, A/C.1/56/L.5); *item 72* (A/C.1/56/L.26); *item 73* (A/C.1/56/L.7); *item 74* (A/56/172, A/56/136 and Add.1 and 2, A/56/309, A/56/182, A/56/165, A/56/183, A/56/166, A/56/400, A/56/296, A/56/404, A/56/257 and Add.1, A/56/130 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/L.1, L.6, L.8, L.14, L.15, L.16, L.19, L.20, L.21, L.24, L.27, L.28, L.31, L.32, L.33, L.34, L.35, L.38, L.39, L.40, L.44, L.45, L.47 and L.49); *item 75* (A/56/285, A/56/137, A/56/154, A/56/266, A/C.1/56/L.2, L.12, L.18, L.29 and L.50); *item 76* (A/56/418, A/56/359, A/56/27, A/56/42, A/C.1/56/L.4 and L.36); *item 77* (A/56/425, A/C.1/56/L.25); *item 78* (A/56/163, A/C.1/56/L.43); *item 79* (A/56/153, A/C.1/56/L.37); *item 80* (A/C.1/56/L.17); *item 81* (A/C.1/56/L.11); *item 82* (A/C.1/56/L.10); *item 84* (A/C.1/56/L.23); [A/C.1/56/1, A/C.1/56/2, A/C.1/56/3, A/C.1/56/4 and A/C.1/56/INF.1]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m. — 11th meeting — Conference Room 4

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [86] (A/56/20 and Corr.1; A/56/306; A/56/394)

WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

Afternoon*-6 p.m. — closed meeting — Conference Room 4

* Following the adjournment of the 11th meeting of the Fourth Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. — 19th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108]

   *Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.12/Rev.1**

2. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [109] (A/56/152)

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.6

3. Crime prevention and criminal justice [110]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.16

4. International Drug Control [111]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.18

5. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [115] (A/56/203, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/342-S/2001/852, A/56/453, A/56/488**)

   Continuation of general discussion

* Re-issued for technical reasons.

** To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. — 16th meeting — Conference Room 3

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [120]

   (b) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/56/5/Add.5 and A/56/436)

   Implementation of recommendations of the Board of Auditors (A/56/66 and Add.1, A/56/132 and A/56/436)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Pattern of conferences [124] (A/56/32, A/56/120/Rev.1, A/56/133, A/56/188, A/56/213 and Corr.1, A/56/261, A/56/277, A/56/293, A/56/299, A/56/300, A/56/339, A/AC.198/2001/8 and A/56/475)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: Profitability of commercial activities (A/55/546 and A/56/7))

* Following the adjournment of the 16th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. UNDP
2. Work programme of the Joint Inspection Unit

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 2001

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations, under the chairmanship of the Vice-President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Ivan Šimonović (Croatia), on the following pending issues under the general segment of the Economic and Social Council:

Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination [7 (a)] (E/2001/55)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy (item 13 (a)) (E/2001/33)

Report of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development on its fifth session (13 (b)) (E/2001/31)

Report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development on its second session (item 13 (j)) (E/2000/32)

Morning*- 1 p.m.	45th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]:

   Allocation from the regular budget of the United Nations of resources for the Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2001/L.45/Rev.1 and programme budget implications E/2001/L.47)

   Introduction of and action on draft resolutions E/2001/L.45/Rev.1 and E/2001/L.47

   Programme of Action for the Least developed countries (LDCs)

   Introduction and action on draft decision E/2001/L.48

2. Coordination, programme and other questions [7]

   (a) Reports of coordination bodies: Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (E/2001/55)

3. Economic and environmental questions [13]

   (a) Sustainable development: Report of the Committee for Development Policy (E/2001/33)

   (d) Human settlements (A/56/8)

   Action on draft resolution contained in the report of the Commission on Human Settlements

* Following the adjournment of the informal consultations of the Economic and Social Council.

(j) Energy and Natural Resources for Development (E/2000/32)

Action on draft decision contained in the Report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development

4. Other matters

Action on all outstanding drafts agreed to in informal consultations on 23 October 2001

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* Following the adjournment of the informal consultations of the Economic and Social Council.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships), organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), will be held *today*, 23 October 2001, from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 14 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 14 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency), organized by the delegation of Australia, will be held *today*, 23 October 2001, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room C. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 23 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 23 October 2001

ISLAMIC GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE
(at the expert level)

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda items 98 (a) to (e) and (g) (Environment and sustainable development))

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on Beijing+5)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

AFRICAN GROUP:

GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

ARAB GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77
(briefing on the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review)

1.30 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND AND SIXTH COMMITTEES
(on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the Law of the Sea))

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Third Committee) today*, 23 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be meetings of the 2001 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 23 October 2001, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 24 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	20th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	21st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Wednesday, 24 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., on Thursday, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations of draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Wednesday, 31 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Wednesday, 31 October, Thursday, 1 November, and Friday, 2 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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The 2001 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Wednesday, 7 November 2001, at 10 a.m., and on Thursday, 8 November, at 10 a.m. The conference room will be announced at a later date.

It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 29 October, until Tuesday, 6 November 2001.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Preparatory Committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing will hold a meeting on Thursday, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with participation of all interested delegations, for the purpose of reviewing the draft text of the International Strategy for Action on Ageing 2002 (as contained in document E/CN.5/2001/PC/L.9), in preparation for the resumed session of the Preparatory Committee on 10 December 2001.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Jalang'o (Kenya), on Thursday, 1 November 2001, at 10 a.m. (sharp) in Conference Room 9.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive-Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) has now been rescheduled to take place from 11 to 13 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters.

Delegations who have not yet inscribed in the list of speakers for the general exchange of views (item 10 of the draft provisional agenda of the Conference - document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/1/Rev.1) are kindly asked to communicate their request in writing to the Secretariat of the Conference (room S-3140). States will be enlisted on a first-come-first served basis, with the proviso that representatives at the highest level will be given priority.

Furthermore, in accordance with item 11 of the draft provisional agenda, States which have not signed the Treaty will be able to make statements at the Conference. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat of the Conference.

For enquiries regarding the provisional list of speakers, please contact Ms. Myrna Peña (tel.: (212) 963-4022; fax: (212) 963-8892).

As a general guidance, it is assumed that speakers, at the discretion of the President, will talk for up to five minutes each. The Secretariat also wishes to advise that it is the wish of the majority of the States which have ratified the CTBT that the Conference be attended at a high level.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for representatives of ratifiers and the names of alternate representatives and advisers, in accordance with rule 3 of the draft rules of procedure (document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/2). Credentials may be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892), if possible, not later than 2 November 2001.

A list of participants will be prepared for the Conference on the basis of credentials and/or written lists of delegations that are provided to the Secretariat of the Conference. This information should be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892), if possible, not later than 2 November 2001.

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Announcement

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Second Committee)* on Wednesday, 24 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Wednesday, 24 October 2001, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9, and on Friday, 26 October, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be closed meetings of the MASON Group from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. in Conference Room 8 on Thursday, 25 October 2001, Thursday, 1 November, and Thursday, 8 November.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the Second World Assembly on Ageing)* on Thursday, 25 October 2001, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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There will be a meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on Thursday, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Meeting the Millennium Development Goals: Implementing Goal 3 on Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women" on Wednesday, 24 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Presenters will be Karen Mason, Director of the World Bank's Gender and Development Group, Angela King, Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, and Noeleen Heyzer, Director of the UN Fund for Women (UNIFEM). All interested delegations are invited to attend. For information, call (212) 986-8306.

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Symposium

There will be a symposium on "Terrorism and Disarmament", sponsored by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, on Thursday, 25 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The symposium will be opened by the Under Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Department (e-mail: ddaweb@un.org; tel.: (212) 963-2389/3980).

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Seminar

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section Office of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs are organizing a Seminar: Deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar will be held on Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 October 2001, at United Nations Headquarters in New York. A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Marina Walter (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-0073).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Monday, 5 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 6 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 24 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) at Columbia University are jointly conducting a Columbia/UNITAR workshop on civil-military coordination in peacebuilding. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 8 and Friday, 9 November 2001 from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 1 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/ireland.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 19 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Resumed third session 7th meeting

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]

The Preparatory Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Format of the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Preparatory Committee approved the format of the International Conference on Financing for Development, as contained in paragraphs 10-21 of document A/AC.257/29, as orally corrected by the Secretary.

Draft provisional rules of procedure of the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Preparatory Committee approved the draft provisional rules of procedure of the International Conference on Financing for Development, as contained in document A/AC.257/29/Add.1 and Corr.1, as orally corrected, and recommends them for adoption by the General Assembly.

The Preparatory Committee concluded its consideration of the item.

Draft provisional agenda for the fourth session of the Preparatory Committee [4]

The Preparatory Committee began its consideration of the item.

The Preparatory Committee adopted the draft provisional agenda as contained in document A/AC.257/L.9.

The representative of Sudan made a statement.

The Preparatory Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

The meeting was suspended.

Preparation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [3]

The Preparatory Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Co-Chairman, H.E. Mr. Shamshad Ahmed (Pakistan) read out the following draft decision: "In accordance with General Assembly resolution 55/245B, the Facilitator will present the draft outcome document by end November 2001 which will be considered by the fourth session of the Preparatory Committee in January 2002."

The representative of the Sudan made a statement of clarification.

The Preparatory Committee adopted the draft decision, after which a statement was made by the Co-Chairman, H.E. Mr. Shamshad Ahmed (Pakistan).

A statement was also made by the Facilitator.

The Preparatory Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Adoption of the report of the Committee on its third session [5]

The Preparatory Committee began its consideration of the item.

The Rapporteur presented the report of the Preparatory Committee on its resumed third session contained in document A/AC.257/L.8.

The Preparatory Committee adopted its report, as orally amended, and authorized the Rapporteur, in close cooperation with the other members of the Bureau and the Secretariat, to finalize the report incorporating the proceedings of the day.

Closure of the session

A statement was made by the Co-Chairman, H.E. Mr. Shamshad Ahmed (Pakistan).

A statement was also made by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee was closed.

Monday, 22 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4394th meeting

General issues relating to sanctions

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Germany and Sweden, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In the absence of objection, the President extended an invitation to the Permanent Observer of Switzerland to the United Nations to participate in the discussion, without the right to vote.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, and in the absence of objection, the President, with the consent of the Council, also extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Ibrahima Fall, Assistant-Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier in the meeting, the Council heard a briefing by the Permanent Observer of Switzerland to the United Nations.

Briefings were made by the representatives of Germany and Sweden.

The Council then heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by the Assistant-Secretary-General Ibrahima Fall.

Statements were made by the representatives of France and Ukraine.

The meeting was suspended and will be resumed at a later date.

4391st (closed) (resumed) meeting

Meeting of the Security Council with the Troop Contributing Countries to the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC) pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II.A

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the resumed meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 18 and 22 October 2001, the Security Council, pursuant to Annex II, Section A of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 4391st meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission Organization in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC).

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard briefings under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. A. Namanga Ngongi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and by Major-General Mountaga Diallo, Force Commander of MONUC.

"The members of the Council had a constructive exchange of views with representatives of participating troop-contributing countries.

"Mr. Ngongi responded to comments and questions posed by members of the Council and representatives of troop-contributing countries."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

29th plenary meeting

Election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme [16 (b)]

Since the number of candidates endorsed by the African States, the Asian States, the Eastern European States, the Latin American and Caribbean States and the Western European and other States was equal to the number of seats allocated to each of those regions, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Chad, China, the Congo, Cuba, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Myanmar, Namibia, Nicaragua, Nigeria, the Republic of Korea, Romania, the Russian Federation, the Sudan, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United States of America, Uruguay, Zambia and Zimbabwe were declared elected members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2002.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of the agenda item 16.

Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/56/399) [16 (c)]

Since the number of candidates nominated by the Economic and Social Council from among the African States, the Asian States and the Latin American and Caribbean States was equal to the number of seats to be filled in each of those regions, China, Ethiopia, Japan, Nigeria, the Republic of Korea, Tunisia and Uruguay were declared elected members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2002.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (c) of the agenda item 16.

Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: note by the Secretary-General (A/56/108) [17 (h)]

The General Assembly took note of the appointment by the President of Austria, Ethiopia, Jamaica, Jordan, Nepal, Tunisia and the United States as members of the Committee on Conferences for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2002.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (h) of agenda item 17.

University for Peace [31]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/314)

(b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.4)

The representative of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama) made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.4.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.4 (resolution 56/2).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 31.

Culture of peace [28]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/349)

(b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.5)

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.5.

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of the Holy See in the debate on agenda item 28.

Statements were made by the representatives of El Salvador, Egypt, Namibia; H.E. Mr. Edgardo Angara, Senator of the Republic of the Philippines, and by the representatives of Colombia and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier by the General Assembly at the same meeting, the observer of the Holy See made a statement.

Statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Israel and Egypt.

The General Assembly was informed that at the request of the sponsors, action on draft resolution A/56/L.5 would be taken at a later date.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly of the following addition and change to its programme of work: on Friday, 2 November 2001, in the morning, the General Assembly would take up agenda item 23 (Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal), which was originally scheduled for Thursday afternoon, 25 October 2001; on Friday, 26 October 2001 concerning agenda item 15 (b) on the election of members of the Economic and Social Council, the Assembly in light of document A/56/467, would first conduct a by-election for one member, and then proceed to the election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council.

30th plenary meeting

Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency: Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/56/313) [14]

The Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency presented the report of the Agency for the year 2000.

Statements were made by the representatives of India, Pakistan, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Japan, Slovakia, Cuba, the Russian Federation, Egypt, Peru, Australia, the Republic of Korea, Brazil (also on behalf of Argentina), the Czech Republic, Mexico, the United States, Belarus and Ukraine.

Statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Iraq and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The General Assembly was informed that a draft resolution would be submitted at a future date under this agenda item.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that under agenda item 16 (a) (Election of the members of the International Law Commission) a decision concerning a revised, updated list of candidates reflecting all submissions received would be taken on Friday morning, 26 October 2001.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 12th meeting

Thematic discussion on item subjects, introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84

The Committee began its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84).

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan and Burkina Faso.

The representative of New Zealand introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.10.

A statement was made by the representative of Uruguay (on behalf of MERCOSUR).

The representative of Egypt introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.5.

The representative of Canada introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.31.

The representative of Mexico introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/56/L.16 and L.17.

The representative of Sudan introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/56/L.9 and L.33.

A statement was made in the exercise of the right of reply by the representative of Japan.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 10th meeting

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [86]

The Chairman made statement.

The representative of Chile, Chairman of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, introduced the two reports of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, contained in documents A/56/20 and A/56/394, respectively.

The Committee began its general debate with statements by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia and the associated countries of Cyprus and Malta, as well as the EFTA country member, Norway), Chile (on behalf of the member countries of MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay and the associated states, Bolivia and Chile)), the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and China.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate on the item the same day at 6 p.m.

SECOND COMMITTEE 13th meeting

Address by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

The Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development addressed the Committee.

The Chairman made a statement.

Environment and sustainable development [98]

(f) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

The Committee heard an introductory statement by the Executive Secretary of the secretariat for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [103]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.5

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made an introductory statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that the Committee would resume its consideration of agenda item 98 (f) on Wednesday, 28 November.

The Chairman also announced that the Committee will begin its consideration of agenda items 99 (a) and 99 (b) on Thursday, 25 October.

THIRD COMMITTEE 17th meeting

Advancement of women [112]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session for the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [113]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nepal, Turkey, India, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Algeria, Bahrain, Myanmar, Haiti, Croatia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the United States, Pakistan, Cameroon, Venezuela, Fiji, Suriname, Kazakhstan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Maldives and Ghana.

The Assistant Secretary-General and Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues made some closing remarks.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda items 112 and 113.

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 112 is Wednesday, 24 October at 6 p.m.

18th meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [115]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The Director of the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund and the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, made introductory statements.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Director of the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund and the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in which the representatives of Pakistan, Guinea, the Syrian Arab Republic, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union, the Sudan, Australia and Cuba, as well as the observer for Palestine) took part.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and the associated Central and Eastern Europe countries – Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Turkey and Iceland), Namibia (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Chile (on behalf of the Rio Group), Uruguay (on behalf of MERCOSUR), China, Norway and the Russian Federation.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 15th meeting

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [120]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Director of External Audit and Chairperson of the Audit Operations Committee of the Philippines introduced the reports of the Board of Auditors on the audited financial statements of the voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the year ended 31 December 2000 (A/56/5/Add.5) and on the implementation of its recommendations (A/56/132).

The Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors (A/56/66 and Add.1).

The related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was before the Committee in document A/56/436.

Statements in the general discussion of the item were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of the Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey), Norway and the United States.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123] *(A/56/6 and Corr.1, introduction and fascicles 1-33 and income sections 1-3, A/56/7 and A/56/16)*

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bahrain, Ethiopia, Croatia and Cuba.

The Controller replied to questions raised during the course of the general discussion of the item.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin on Wednesday, 24 October 2001, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Eduardo Ramos (Portugal).

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [122]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Honorariums payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs (A/56/311)

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Controller replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be held under the chairmanship of Mr. Oleksii Ivashchenko (Ukraine).

Organization of work

The representative of India, referring to the outcome of the informal consultations held on agenda item 125 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations) on Thursday, 18 October 2001, requested that the informal consultations scheduled for that item for Tuesday, 23 October 2001, in the afternoon be cancelled.

The Chairman made a statement.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Seventy-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2001

1966th and 1967th (closed) meetings

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [7]

The Committee considered the item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Accession: Bangladesh (22 October 2001)*

TREATY EVENT - MULTILATERAL TREATIES ON TERRORISM
(UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS)
(10-16 November 2001)

Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above event will take place from 10 November to 16 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 4 October 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those concerning terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs promptly to arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, required full powers to the Treaty Section at the latest by 7 November 2001 for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section. Further information on the event will be provided closer to 10 November 2001.

The texts and status of multilateral treaties which address various aspects of terrorism, can be obtained at the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (http://untreaty.un.org.), including the following four Conventions deposited with the Secretary-General:

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973;

International Convention against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979;

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997; and

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999.

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 23 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Blood Donation Drive

In the context of recent events, the Medical Services Division has organized a Blood Donation Drive. This drive will be carried out by the New York Blood Center on Monday, 29 October 2001, on the south side of the Secretariat Lobby between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The UN grounds pass would be required at the donation site.

Please note that the criteria for blood donation used by the New York Blood Center are those of the Food and Drug Administration of the United States. If you have any questions about this campaign, please call 1-800-933-BLOOD

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